Seats in Business Schools of IIMS

994. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of seats in the six business schools of IIMS;

(b) the number passed out in the academic year ending 2001 and what percentage of them have got jobs in camping interview; and

(c) whether Government provide grants for operational/capital expenditure of these IIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The total number of seats in the six Indian Institutes of Management at Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Calcutta, Lucknow, Indore and Kozhikode is 979.

(b) 878 students have passed out during the academic year ending 2001 and 100% of them have got jobs in campus interview.

(c) Government of India provide grants in aid under plan and non plan to the IIMS during every financial year as per the approved BE/RE provision taking into account their actual requirement of funds.

Educational Fund

995. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted an educational fund to fill the gap between actual financial requirements of the education sector and the available budgetary funds;

(b) what would be the amount constituting this fund;

(c) whether States would also contribute towards this fund; and

(d) what are other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Though a decision has been taken by Government to set up Bharat Shiksha Kosh, it has not been constituted so far.

(b) to (d) The Central Government propose to make an one time contribution of Rupees one crore to the Kosh. State Governments may also contribute to the Kosh. Other modalities are being worked out.

Fake Certificates of National Open School

996. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fake certificates of National Open School are being sold openly at many places in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to streamline the National Open School and save it from a mockery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) There was a news-item in "Enadu" of Andhra Pradesh in October 2000 regarding alleged sale of fake NOS certificates in Andhra Pradesh. During the calendar year 2001, 525 certificates were referred to NOS for verification of authenticity by various institutions/organisations/individuals. Out of these 14 had not been issued by the NOS. All these cases were referred to the concerned police authorities for investigation and subsequent action. One such case registered in 1998 is now under trial.

(c) The NOS has taken following stringent measures to check this menace :—

(i) The certificates now bear the scanned photograph of the candidate taken from the admission form directly so that the genuineness of the certificate is ensured.

(ii) The certificates are printed on NOS logo water marked paper and a hologram is pasted on it.

(iii) NOS mark in invisible ink is also printed on the certificates.

(iv) Press release as well as advertisements are given in the